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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Christophe BOYER et al.

Examiner: Nina Nmn Bhat

Serial No.: 10/619,557

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Title: DEVICE FOR MIXING AND DISTRIBUTING A DENSE FLUID AND A
LIGHT FLUID, PLACED UPSTREAM FROM A GRANULAR BED, AND ITS
USE IN DESCENDING FLOW

REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2006, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments and additions to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.